

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 582

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to commend Melinda K. Parton for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Melinda K. Parton is one such commendable person, who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary tenure as Director of the Office of Management Services for the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury, Mrs. Parton has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community and this State; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Tennessee Technological University, Melinda Parton began her illustrious career in State government in 1986, when she began work as a Legislative Auditor in the Division of State Audit; and

WHEREAS, she also worked as Assistant Director of Information Technology, and as a project administrator. She supported the Assistant to the Comptroller for Management Services, and worked with the Department of Finance and Administration, where she oversaw the development of the statewide accounting system; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments include the development of legislation to change Tennessee's Central Procurement and Contracting Process, in which she played a pivotal role; and

WHEREAS, a Certified Government Financial Manager, Melinda Parton holds several leadership roles with the Association of Government Accountants (AGA), and has

received the AGA's National President Award twice for her leadership in AGA chapters, the Governance Committee, and the Bylaws Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Parton epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, she is married to the love of her life, Bobby Parton, and they are the proud parents of two daughters, Jessica Fain and Ashlee Parton; and

WHEREAS, Melinda Parton is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Melinda K. Parton for her honorable and astute service to Tennessee as Director of the Office of Management Services for the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury, salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success and happiness in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.